

the body should address it this year and should address it in a meaningful manner. This is a temporary solution, as we have said all along. We will be back a year from now trying to do some of the kinds of things that Senator McFarland had mentioned. The only thing I would say to those that talk about long-term, meaningful change, I don't remember seeing any of those bills in before any of the committees this year. Everybody had an opportunity to draft some of the long-term, meaningful pieces of legislation that this body could address, but I didn't see any. And I strongly urge, colleagues, that you opposed Senator McFarland's amendment. I will give the rest of my time to Senator Hall.

PRESIDENT: Senator Hall, please.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. President, and members, I rise in opposition to Senator McFarland's amendment as well because I totally disagree with his comment that we're dealing with incoherent or...tax policy not only here but in any other tax policy that we have in the state. I also rise in opposition to the issue of the constitutional question with regard to LB 84. The uniformity clause was mentioned. I don't see any form or fashion in any way that the Attorney General can say that there is a problem with LB 84 based on uniformity clause in the Constitution. Show me one place in LB 84 where we change the way that we value, the way that we assess, the way that we levy taxes. Not one spot in LB 84 touches that issue and that's what the uniformity clause deals with. What do we have in LB 84? LB 84 is really nothing more than a state aid program and we can dole it out any way we want. We can set the parameters by which we want to do that. We can give some to these people and none to these people, or we can put a cap in there. And, in LB 84, we have put a cap in there. So a landowner who has, if you use basically the average of 2.5 percent tax rate, they have to have property of...valued property of over \$750,000 in order to hit that cap. We're not talking about the folks who are paying...struggling to pay their property tax bills. I am going to roll right into my time, right?

PRESIDENT: Yeah, you have one minute left on Senator Chizek's time.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you. I saw you look and I thought that's what you were going for...